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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. On an equity basis it would appear that the request of EE is just, as it relates to the two specific cases they have at hand, e.g., the grandparents of an employee's wife and the grandchildren of an employee, who are, in fact, dependent on the employee involved.

2. However, the EE memorandum appears to infer that appropriate consideration was not given in the drafting of [ ] which specifically names family relationships for a dependent status. In the drafting of [ ] due consideration was given to standard Government regulations and the foreign service regulations, to apply those most appropriate to the circumstances involved with foreign travel of CIA employees.

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3. The foreign service travel regulations, and, in turn, our [ ] paragraph 2.b., define dependents for travel purposes as follows:

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- a. Wife.
- b. Children (including stepchildren and adopted children) who are unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, are physically or mentally incapable of supporting themselves.
- c. Parents (including stepparents and adoptive parents) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such parents are American nationals and are dependent on the employee for at least 50 percent of their support.
- d. Sisters and brothers (including stepsisters, stepbrothers, adoptive sisters, and adoptive brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sisters and brothers are American nationals, are dependent on the employee for at least 50 percent of their support, are unmarried, and are under 21 years of age; or, regardless of age, are American nationals and are physically or mentally incapable of supporting themselves.

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- e. Husband who is physically or mentally incapable of supporting himself.

This is, in fact, a more liberal interpretation of dependents than is applied in other Government agencies. Other Government agencies are bound by Executive Order 9805 which defines dependents briefly as:

- a. Spouse.
- b. Children (including stepchildren and adopted children) who are unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, are physically or mentally incapable of supporting themselves.
- c. <sup>Dependent</sup> Parents of employee but not of the spouse.

4. I do not feel that we should amend our travel regulations under the special authorities granted to the Director in Public Law 110 to attempt to define any individual, regardless of relationship, who is, in fact, dependent upon an employee for his support as a dependent for travel purposes.

5. If you agree with this position, I will prepare an appropriate reply to the COA/DD/P.



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